April 1, 2018

Dear Senate Committee on Federal and State Affairs,

Re: Senate Bill 427

I am writing in support of Senate Bill 427 passage in the statehouse.

My family (and now myself) have been involved in the horse race industry for 35 years. Following in the footsteps started by my parents I have been racing horses for approximately ten years.

With Kansas having no horse racing in the state, I currently have:

- Seven horses in training and on their way to Colorado to race
- Four mares foaling in Colorado which are owned 100%
- Four partially owned mares foaling in Colorado
- Two partially owned mares foaling in Louisiana and a partially owned mare foaling in Kentucky

Foaling in these states is costly but the breeder's awards more than compensate the cost.

The passion felt for race horses continue into their retirement, finding good homes for retired race horses often means that they are given away.

We all have dreams and mine is to take a Kansas bred and Kansas owned horse to the Kentucky Derby!

Sincerely,

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